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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Don't let companies like AT&T, Verizon, CenturyLink and Frontier Communications get away with anti-competitive practices that they currently benefit from as veritable monopolies in the many municipalities they control. There is not currently-compelling reason to cease requiring them to lease their copper wire infrastructure to competitors at a regulated and fair price. Without the incentive to offer access at reasonable rates, these companies will draw the lifeblood from those who require access to the Internet the most, our poor and disenfranchised. Broadband, at reasonable rates and without undue restrictions, is necessary in a society with decreasing middle and low class employment opportunities. We have to foster continued innovation and growth by maintaining the current rules as established in the 1996 Telecommunications Act. I am lucky that I have a choice to use a competitive provider, and hope that you won't take that same advantage away from others.

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